

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

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1. (Currently amended): A process for preparing a dental prosthesis utilizing a CAD/CAM system, ~~which is characterized in that~~ comprising the steps of:

storing at a measuring center ~~stores~~ three-dimensional coordinate information of an intra-oral shape measured on a basis of a plaster model prepared by impression taking within an oral cavity of a patient, ~~or an intra-oral shape measured on a basis of an image taken by photographing within an oral cavity of a patient,~~ as a first digital signal; ~~and sends~~

sending the obtained ~~measure~~ measured data to a design center using a first communication ~~[[means]]~~ apparatus;

at the design center ~~reproduces~~ reproducing the intra-oral shape on a graphic display device based on the received ~~measure~~ measured data ~~by means of~~ as a three-dimensional graphic, ~~designs~~ designing a shape of a dental prosthesis and ~~stores~~ storing it as a second digital signal, and then ~~[[sends]]~~ sending the obtained design data of the dental prosthesis to a processing center using a second communication ~~[[means]]~~ apparatus; and

at the processing center ~~transmits~~ transmitting the received design data to a milling processor as a processing command ~~and subjects to~~ subject a block material to milling processing to prepare a dental prosthesis.

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